

[Investigation 332-362]**U.S.-Africa Trade Flows and Effects of the Uruguay Round Agreements and U.S. Trade and Development Policy**

AGENCY: United States International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Notice of opportunity to submit comments in connection with the third annual report.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 25, 1997.

SUMMARY: Following receipt on March 31, 1995, of a letter from the United States Trade Representative (USTR), the Commission instituted investigation No. 332-362, U.S.-Africa Trade Flows and Effects of the Uruguay Round Agreements and U.S. Trade and Development Policy (60 FR 24884). The USTR letter requested that the Commission prepare its first annual report under this investigation not later than November 15, 1995, and provide annually thereafter for a period of 5 years. The first report was submitted on November 15, 1995 (USITC publication 2938 issued in January 1996). The second annual report was submitted on October 4, 1996 (USITC publication 3000 issued in October 1996). The third annual report will be submitted by October 31, 1997.

FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Constance A. Hamilton, Office of Economics (202-205-3263), or William Gearhart, Office of the General Counsel (202-205-3091) for information on legal aspects. The media should contact Margaret O'Laughlin, Office of External Relations (202-205-1819). Hearing impaired individuals are advised that information on this matter can be obtained by contacting the TDD terminal on (202-205-1810).

Background

Section 134 of the Uruguay Round Agreements (URAA), Pub. L. 103-465, directs the President to develop a comprehensive trade and development policy of the countries of Africa. The President is also to report to the Congress annually over the next 5 years on the steps taken to carry out that mandate. The Statement of Administrative Action that was approved by the Congress with the URAA states that the President will direct the International Trade Commission to submit within 12 months following the enactment of the URAA into law, and annually for the 5 years thereafter, a report providing (1) an analysis of U.S.-African trade flows, and (2) an assessment of any effects of the Uruguay Round Agreements, and of

U.S. trade and development policy for Africa on such trade flows.

The third annual report on U.S.-African trade flows and effects of U.S. trade and development policy will contain the following information:

(1) An update of U.S.-African trade and investment flows for the latest year available, including both overall trade and trade in the following major sectors: agriculture, forest products, textiles and apparel, footwear, energy, chemicals, minerals and metals, machinery, transportation equipment, electronics technology, miscellaneous manufactures, and services. It also requested that the basic trade flow information be provided for U.S. trade with the following regional trade groups: the Southern African Customs Union (SACU), the Southern African Development Community (SADC), Western African Economic and Monetary Union (WAEMU), and Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA).

(2) An identification of major developments in the World Trade Organization and in U.S. trade/economic activities which significantly affect U.S.-Africa trade and investment flows by sector during the last year. Similarly, to the extent possible, changing trade and economic activities within African countries that have a significant impact should be highlighted.

(3) Progress in regional integration in Africa.

As requested by the USTR, the Commission will limit its study to the 48 countries in Sub-Saharan Africa.

Written Submissions

The Commission does not plan to hold a public hearing in connection with the third annual report. However, interested persons are invited to submit written statements concerning the matters to be addressed in the report. Commercial or financial information that a party desires the Commission to treat a confidential must be submitted on separate sheets of paper, each clearly marked "Confidential Business Information" at the top. All submissions requesting confidential treatment must conform with the requirements of § 201.6 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR 201.6). All written submissions, except for confidential business information, will be made available for inspection by interested persons in the Office of the Secretary to the Commission. To be assured of consideration by the Commission, written statements relating to the Commission's report should be submitted at the earliest practical date and should be received not later than June 13, 1997. All submissions should be addressed to the Secretary, United States International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20436.

Persons with mobility impairments who will need special assistance in gaining access to the Commission should contact the Office of the Secretary at 202-205-2000.

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By order of the Commission.

Donna R. Koehnke,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**Foreign Claims Settlement Commission**

[F.C.S.C. Meeting Notice No. 5-97]

Sunshine Act Meeting

The Foreign Claims Settlement Commission, pursuant to its regulations (45 CFR Part 504) and the Government in the Sunshine Act (5 U.S.C. 552b), hereby gives notice in regard to the scheduling of meetings and oral hearings for the transaction of Commission business and other matters specified, as follows:

Date and Time: Tuesday, April 15, 1997, 9:00 a.m.

Subject Matter: 1. Hearings on the record on objections to Proposed Decisions in the following claims against Albania:

ALB-005—Mile M. Kasem
ALB-010—Peter Panos
ALB-017—Afron Cheli, et al.
ALB-019—Vassil Tamburi
ALB-032, ALB-034, ALB-035, and
ALB-043—Cleopatra Karselas,
Eftalia Maliou, George Karselas, and
Olga Dntule
ALB-037—Jani M. Papa, et al.
ALB-042—Xhani Femera, et al.
ALB-054—Dude Prifti
ALB-092—Thanas A. Laske
ALB-094—Sulejman Lelo
ALB-112—Demirhan Bace
ALB-113—Katerina Berberi
ALB-115—Theodhora Delle
ALB-118, ALB-139—Evdhoksi Tollko,
Sotiraq Pani
ALB-119, ALB-161—Aleksandra Filipi,
Anesti Filipi, et al.
ALB-122—Vaios Karagiannis
ALB-123—Thomas S. Kalyvas
ALB-124—Elias Kalyvas
ALB-141—Mitre Sofroni
ALB-150—Sotiraq Qano
ALB-151—Ismet Rusi
ALB-157—Victoria Gallani
ALB-173—Marigo Tellios, et al.
ALB-179—Thanas Dudo
ALB-187—Helena Liolin
ALB-238—Edward Mehmet
ALB-268—Philip Stevens, et al.